

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL MEMORANDUM

HB 433 - SB 1232

February 27, 2017

SUMMARY OF ORIGINAL BILL: Requires each Tennessee Veterans Education Transition Support (VETS) campus to submit data regarding veterans on their respective campuses on or before July 31 of each year to the Tennessee Higher Education Commission (THEC).

Requires state institutions of higher education to develop and implement uniform procedures for awarding academic credit applicable toward a degree credential for military education, training, experience, and occupational specialties in the form of course credit equivalencies.

Sets forth methods for implementation that include, but are not limited to: requiring THEC and the governing boards to consult with faculty and subject matter experts as institutions develop course equivalencies; requiring governing boards to consider skills that are developed in all aspects of military education, training and experience beyond the physical fitness components; authorizing the chancellor of the board of regents to utilize board office resources in furtherance of the purposes of this section and to adopt, where applicable and appropriate, uniform system-wide course equivalencies for community colleges and colleges of applied technology.

FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT (003132): Deletes and rewrites language of the original bill without making any substantive changes to the legislation.

FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENT:

Unchanged from the original fiscal note.

Assumptions for the bill as amended:

- Passage of this bill as amended will allow the university board of each VETS campus to independently adopt policies and procedures and perform functions that were previously under the sole jurisdiction of the Tennessee Board of Regents (TBR) system or the

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University of Tennessee (UT) system. As a result, this bill as amended provides the statutory authority for policies and procedures to be developed and implemented by each institution exclusively, rather than by the larger overseeing TBR and UT systems.

- It is assumed that any impact associated with utilizing the office of the Chancellor of the TBR to fulfill the purposes of the bill as amended will be not significant and can be accomplished within existing resources without an additional appropriation.
- These actions will be taken and performed within the normal course of board meetings and the normal course of business as the universities set up their independent governance structures as set forth by the F.O.C.U.S. Act (Public Acts 2016, Public Chapter 869). Therefore, no significant fiscal impact to state government.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Krista M. Lee". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Krista M. Lee, Executive Director

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